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David Letkiewicz (left), a Gallaudet senior and Student Auxiliary Monitor (SAM), who is employed for the summer by the Department of Safety and Security, discusses personnel scheduling with senior campus police officer Wylie Myers.

NAD continues to champion causes

Lobbying for a law requiring captioned movies in theaters and a bill of rights for deaf and hard of hearing children are only two examples of issues in which the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is advocating for civil rights in the deaf community. NAD President Roslyn Rosen said at a lecture July 21.

Dr. Rosen is also dean of the College for Continuing Education, which sponsored this year's Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series. Her lecture, "The NAD and the Deaf Community," capped this year's series.

The NAD has championed a number of causes for deaf people since the organization was formed in 1880, said Rosen. For example, in the early 1900s, the NAD worked to overturn laws forbidding deaf people to drive and to ensure fair insurance rates for deaf drivers, she said. The NAD also worked to repeal laws forbidding deaf people to marry each other.

But the NAD sees much work that remains to be done. Rosen said the organization is dissatisfied with the level of academic skills demonstrated by deaf and hard of hearing children and is lobbying Congress for a deaf children's bill of rights. The bill says, among other things, that deaf and hard of hearing children have the right to clear communication, to develop fully their manual, aural, and vocal skills, to socialize with other deaf and hard of hearing children, and to have adult deaf and hard of hearing role models.

The Americans with Disabilities Act does not require movie distributors to caption their films for theater

audiences, Rosen said. The NAD is trying to influence distributors to caption films and is lobbying Congress to pass legislation requiring them to do so. The National Captioning Institute is experimenting with eyeglasses that would enable wearers to see captions that would remain invisible to the rest of the audience.

The NAD also wants to persuade movie and television producers not to cast hearing actors in deaf roles. Rosen likened such casting to placing white actors in African American or Native American roles.

The NAD is working to persuade the Department of Education to adopt a 1988 recommendation by the Commission on the Education of the Deaf that the department recognize American Sign Language (ASL) as a minority language, Rosen said. That would place ASL under the jurisdiction of the Bilingual Education Act, which mandates and funds bilingual and bicultural teaching approaches.

The NAD has started a sign language interpreter certification program, separate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf program. "Deaf people must be involved with the evaluation of interpreters," Rosen said. "Often they are not."

Cochlear implants are another issue at the forefront of the NAD's efforts. The NAD opposes cochlear implants in children ages 0 to 17, a position unpopular with some professionals and cochlear implant users. "For adults the decision is acceptable," Rosen said. "But too many families go through the expense and trauma of the operation and suffer grief when the children still don't improve."

Deaf law enforcement officers join Department of Safety and Security

Protecting society as law enforcement agents has been a role denied to deaf people until recently.

Two years ago, the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS) at Gallaudet made good President I. King Jordan's words, "Deaf people can do anything," by recruiting deaf security officers.

This year one of the recruits, Wendy Armstrong, '90, became a District of Columbia-commissioned unarmed Special Police Officer (SPO)—the highest of three ranks that can be obtained by campus security officers. Coming along in the ranks are four men who have received a D.C. Security Guard license, one step below SPO. They are Shannon Simon, Kurt Korkven, Martin Marcus, and Dean Prentice. At the beginning level are two Student Auxiliary Monitors (SAMS), junior David Hunter and senior David Letkiewicz.

"The deaf security officers bring a unique form of experience to the security process here at Gallaudet," said Fred Kendrick, director of Physical Plant administration and the Department of Safety and Security. "Each deaf employee is a recent graduate of the University and brings the knowledge and experiences of college students here at Gallaudet. They are in an excellent position to educate the hearing security officers about the true concerns, expectations, and needs of our student population."

"Their presence provides an opportunity for a more open ex-

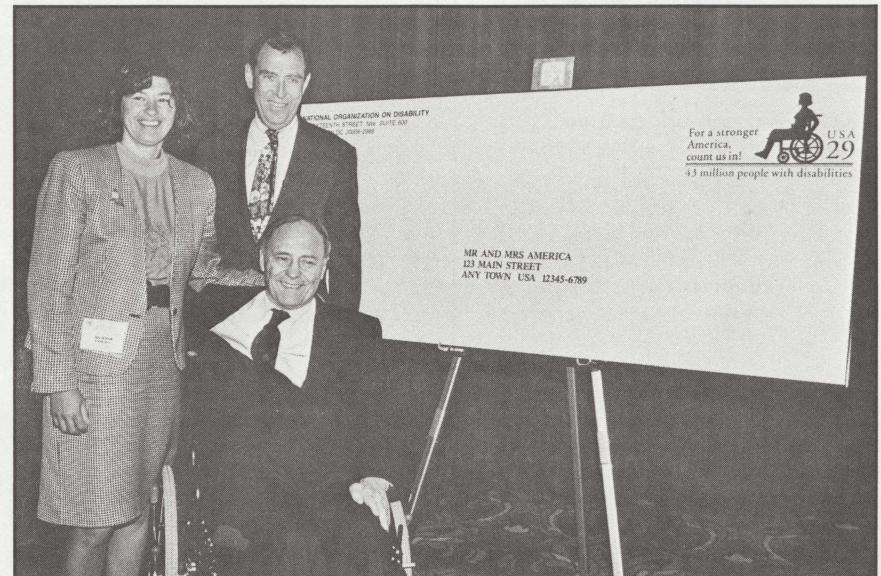
change of information between the student body and DOSS, which has been lacking in previous years," Kendrick added.

Armstrong began her career in security in 1984 as a newcomer to Gallaudet from Kansas City, Kan. As a freshman, she applied to SAMS, which had recently been organized, not knowing that the job was open only to juniors and seniors. Armstrong, however, so impressed the interviewing officers with her intelligence and maturity that she got the job. She developed her skills in dorm monitoring work—from catching students turning in false fire alarms to counseling would-be violators. Soon she had enough experience to pass the D.C. certification test as a campus security guard.

Armstrong is also well known on the campus for her work as a staff member of the University's Summer Children's Program. Despite her busy schedule, she finds time to help train her deaf fellow officers and teach sign language to new hearing officers and help them become familiar with the campus.

Letkiewicz, a government major from Wisconsin, is no stranger to the world of law enforcement; his cousin, Robert Ziarnik, is a former chief of police in Milwaukee. While growing up, Letkiewicz visited his cousin's precinct building often and became fascinated with police procedure. Ziarnik encouraged him to not let deafness stand in the way of pursuing a career in police work.

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The nation's first pre-stamped envelopes issued by the U.S. Postal Service to honor Americans with disabilities were issued July 22. Pictured at the stamp's unveiling are Dr. Roslyn Rosen, National Association of the Deaf president and dean of Gallaudet's College for Continuing Education, Joseph Mahon (standing), senior assistant postmaster general, and Alan Reich, president of the National Organization on Disability (NOD). (Photo courtesy of NOD.)

'Good Morning America' interviews Gallaudet employee about ADA video

Television viewers across the nation learned about a training video produced by Gallaudet's National Academy discussing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson, coordinator of multicultural and minority affairs at Pre-College Programs, appeared on ABC network's "Good Morning America" July 24.

McCaskill-Emerson, who was interviewed in her home by ABC's Steven Fox, discussed how Title I of the ADA affects employment of deaf and hard of hearing people. She and two deaf actors, Mark Morales and Bill Ennis, appear in the videotape, which is targeted at consumers, businesses, and employers.

"I shared my excitement about the ADA with the television crew," McCaskill-Emerson said. She explained to Fox how the ADA can help deaf and hard of hearing people lead productive lives and how the various assistive devices in her home worked.

DOSS hires deaf police officers

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"Communication plays a big role in situations involving deaf people and law enforcement officers," said Letkiewicz. He hopes to help bridge the gap between deaf people and law officers. Letkiewicz's goal is to continue his education at a university where he can study criminology, criminal justice, or forensic science.

Security Guard Dean Prentice, a 1992 graduate from College Park, Md., also plans a career in law enforcement. He worked part-time at DOSS during his junior and senior years. He is gaining experience on campus by checking dorm violations, patrolling buildings, and other routine guard tasks. Prentice hopes to earn a degree in criminology, and later apply for a position with a government law enforcement agency.

Prentice sees one of his ongoing duties as "helping police officers learn how to approach deaf people and to inform deaf people how to act when approached by hearing officers."



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McCaskill-Emerson was joined by her two sisters—Sharrell McCaskill, a secretary in the Department of Athletics, and Angela McCaskill-Gilchrist, an academic advisor in the Office of Academic Advising—and friend Robin Collins in signing "Good Morning America" at the beginning of the show.

Susan Karchmer, coordinator of professional and community training at the National Academy, one of the outreach units of the College for Continuing Education, produced the video. It was written by Dr. Don Bangs, who becomes chair of the Department of Television, Film, and Photography Aug. 15. Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, program development specialist at the National Academy, served as American Sign Language consultant.

According to Karchmer, the video will be available at the end of the summer after post-production work is completed.

The video was funded by a Department of Justice grant to the National Center for Law and Deafness and the American Federation of the Blind.

NCLD receives 11th annual grant

Low income deaf and hard of hearing people in the District of Columbia will continue to have access to legal services, thanks to the recent renewal of a grant by the D.C. Bar Foundation to the National Center for Law and Deafness (NCLD).

According to NCLD Legal Director Sy DuBow, the \$22,500 grant will enable the center to continue to employ an attorney for the next year to staff a legal counseling and services clinic for the approximately 300 clients it serves. DuBow said the grants provided by the bar foundation have been NCLD's largest source of funding for the past 11 years.

"We greatly appreciate the continued confidence of the D.C. Bar Foundation in our program," said DuBow.

NCLD gives free advice, information, and court representation to deaf people who need legal assistance in areas such as landlord/tenant disputes, discrimination, wills, insurance, food stamps, and immigration. DuBow said that NCLD cannot help with cases such as divorce, child custody and support, felonies, taxes, business, or other problems that require more time and legal expertise than the center can offer. In instances when the center cannot serve a client, it will help the person find another lawyer.

Announcements

Office Specialists, a temporary help office in Washington that employs deaf people, has a TDD number: (202) 466-7145.

A great need exists for used hearing aids for people who cannot afford them. Send aids in a small box or padded envelope with sender's name and address inside to Hear Now, 4001 S. Magnolia Way, Denver, CO 80237. A receipt for tax purposes will be sent to the donor.



Heather Harker, the 1992-93 recipient of the Frances Parsons Fellowship for teaching English as a second language to deaf learners, confers with Parsons, coordinator of the Library's international history collection, and Dr. David Martin, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, about her plans to teach in Malaysia.

Among Ourselves

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan received the Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) organization's Walter T. Ridder Award at the SHHH Seventh International Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 29. The award, named in memory of the former national editor for the Knight/Ridder newspaper chain and founding member of SHHH, is given to an individual or organization for significant contributions on the national level to promote better understanding of hearing loss.

Jennifer Morrone, health educator, and Margaret Cunningham, RN, both in Gallaudet's Student Health Services, were presenters at the recent annual meeting of the American College Health Association. Morrone's topic

was "Peer Health Education with a Deaf Student Population: Lessons Learned from a First Year Experience." Cunningham's topic was "When Your Student is Deaf."

Dan Wallace, marketing manager for the Gallaudet University Press, was a panelist at the annual meeting of the Association of American University Presses in Chicago June 21-24. He discussed marketing strategies in a "Managing the Small Press" session.

Arsena Strange, mathematics instructor in the Business Education department at MSSD, was awarded the Mary Dolciani and Ernest Duncan Scholarship Awards by the Mathematics Education Trust.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed free for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. Ads received Aug. 3-7 will be published Aug. 10.

FOR SALE: '77 Chevette, orange, many new parts, good cond., \$600/BO. Call Cheryl, (301) 604-5846 (TDD).

FOR SALE: New top-of-the-line Fisher-Price baby carseat, price nego. E-mail MOHYNES.

FOR SALE: Portable refrigerator, good cond., \$75. Call John, x3113.

FOR RENT: BR in condo to M/F, Gaithersburg, Md., share bath, W/D, A/C, parking, near bus and Shady Grove Metro, avail. Sept. 1, deposit required, \$650/mo. plus util./nego., 2 people OK. Call Dora, (202) 535-4115 (TDD) days, (202) 543-3027 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Basement BR, share kitchen, washing machine, 5-min. walk to Kendall Green, 827 8th St. NE, \$210 and \$230/mo. plus $\frac{1}{2}$ elec. Call John, x3113.

FOR RENT: Share 3-BR/2BA house in Cheverly, Md., near Metro, 6 mi. from Kendall Green, \$325/mo., incl. util. Call (301) 773-8214 (TDD), or E-mail CLPETERS.

FOR RENT: 2 BRs in house, Lanham, Md., lg. \$300/mo., sm. \$250/mo., plus share util. Call x5040, or E-mail EACHUKWUMA.

FOR RENT: House, female preferred, Gaithersburg, Md., near Shady Grove Metro, MARC, shopping, must love dogs, \$400/mo. Call (301) 869-7627.

FOR RENT: Lg. BR w/bath in condo, Greenbelt, Md., to responsible M/F, back yard, near shopping, \$300/mo. 1 person, \$400/mo. 2 people, plus util. Call x5613 (TDD), or (301) 552-4404 (TDD), or E-mail NSWILLIAMS.

FOR RENT: 4-BR/3 BA house, Riverdale, Md., double garage, W/D, lg. backyard, nice neighborhood, avail. Aug. 15, \$1,200/mo./nego. Call (201) 547-1376 (TDD).

WANTED: Live-in nanny or babysitter P/T for baby girl, fall semester, after Aug. 16. E-mail MOHYNES.

WANTED: Host family for weekends, holidays for female exchange student from Australia attending MSSD for 1992-93 year. Call Will Verbits, x5375, or (202) 537-3050 (V/TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Alpine Climber Stairmaster, rarely used, \$80; Eureka Mighty Mite vacuum, 2.0 HP, \$30. Call (703) 787-3503 (TDD) or E-mail 11RWHTIELEY.

FOR SALE: 3-BR townhouse, Beltsville, Md., 2½ baths, 2 yrs. old, finished basement, FP, backs to woods, \$132,000. Call (301) 595-5899 (TDD).

FOR RENT: Beach condo in Ocean City, Md., near shopping and beach, across from Sheraton Hotel, sleeps 6, TV/decoder/VCR, TDD, microwave, swimming pool, avail. 8/16-23 (Sun-Sun.). E-mail RESUTCLIFFE.

FOR RENT: Spacious mobile home on Fenwick Island, Del., sleeps 6, 2 baths, AC, W/D, DW, swimming pool access, \$60/night, or \$55/3 or more nights. Call Dwight, x5255, or E-mail ADBENEDICT.